EAST IDAHO
LOCAL EAS PLAN

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EAST IDAHO LOCAL EAS AREA INCLUDES

BANNOCK COUNTY
BEAR LAKE COUNTY
BINGHAM COUNTY
BONNEVILLE COUNTY
BUTTE COUNTY
CARIBOU COUNTY
CLARK COUNTY
CUSTER COUNTY
FRANKLIN COUNTY
FREMONT COUNTY
JEFFERSON COUNTY
LEMHI COUNTY
MADISON COUNTY
ONEIDA COUNTY
POWER COUNTY
SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES
TETON COUNTY

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This plan was prepared by the East Idaho Emergency Alert System (EAS) Local Emergency Communications Committee (LECC) in cooperation with broadcast and cable / wireless media. This plan is used to disseminate emergency information and warnings to the general public across Eastern Idaho or any portion thereof within the broadcast coverage and cable / wireless system service areas at the request of designated Local, State and Federal officials. The East Idaho EAS Local Area Plan may be activated on a day-to-day basis in response to emergencies such as earthquakes, blizzards, floods, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, civil disorder, chemical or nuclear facility accidents, toxic leaks or any other occurrence which poses a danger to life or property. The East Idaho EAS Local Area Plan is also intended to serve as an information source to local jurisdictions in development of County/Local EAS plans.

2. Acceptance of/or participation in this plan shall not be deemed as relinquishing program control, and shall not be deemed to prohibit a broadcast licensee or cable / wireless operator from exercising their independent discretion and responsibility in any given situation. Broadcast stations and cable / wireless systems originating emergency communications shall be deemed to have conferred rebroadcast authority. The concept of management of each broadcast station and cable / wireless system to exercise discretion regarding the transmission of emergency information and instructions to the general public is provided by the FCC rules.

3. The East Idaho EAS Local Plan Area encompasses 16 counties and one Indian Tribal Nation. A reception dilemma exists in Eastern Idaho where no radio station can reliably monitor a designated state Primary Entry Point (PEP) (KBOI or KWDZ) due to terrain and overnight changes to signal strength and directional broadcasting. Two alternate sources will carry national alert messages to resolve this dilemma. The State Relay Network will act as one source for national messages. KBYI will act as another source using the National Public Radio (NPR) Satellite Network for reception of national alert messages.

   LP1 and LP2 designated stations agree to receive and re-transmit all EAS activations which are agreed upon by the Eastern Idaho EAS voting membership for use by other broadcasters and wire / cable systems.

   KID is designated as the LP-1 for Eastern Idaho. Two LP-2 stations (one in the north – KUPI and one in the south – KWIK/KPKY) will serve the East Idaho EAS Local Area to cover stations that cannot receive KID's signal and act as a secondary reception method. Participants should monitor the LP-1 and at least one of the LP-2 stations. For added reliability, participants are encouraged to monitor the Idaho State Microwave Relay Network and the nearest National Weather Service NOAA Weather Radio.

4. Participating broadcast stations and cable / wireless system members of the East Idaho EAS Local Area Plan will meet annually to conduct the following business:

   a. Schedule East Idaho tests of the EAS as needed to assure reliability of the second and third level entry points.
   b. Update the validation list and contact information.
   c. Update the lists of broadcast stations and cable / wireless system member contact information and monitoring assignments.
   d. Confirm, change, or appoint various East Idaho Area EAS Working Groups.
   e. Discuss other business to assure complete and continuous operation of the East Idaho EAS Local Area system.

II.   STATE AND ALTERNATE ACTIVATIONS OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

A Central Activation Center (CAC) has been established at the Idaho State Communications Center (STATECOM) in Meridian, Idaho. The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security may also activate the EAS from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) at Gowen Field, in Boise, Idaho. Activations from the CAC or the SEOC are relayed to the targeted EAS service area primarily via the Idaho State Microwave Relay Network and broadcast in the local service area via VHF transmitter to the LP-1 and LP-2 locations. In the East Idaho service area, the State Relay Network VHF transmitter operates on a frequency of 155.925 MHz from Chinese Peak near Pocatello, ID and 155.535 MHz from East Twin Butte west of Idaho Falls, ID.

The Idaho State Police District 5 & 6 Dispatch Center in Pocatello will serve as a second level entry point for local civil emergency messages for the East Idaho EAS service area and may validate the request using the call-back numbers from the list in Appendix B.

The National Weather Service in Pocatello (KPIH) will use their NOAA Weather Radios WXL-33 at a frequency of 162.550 MHz and KZZ-72 at a frequency of 162.425 MHz as a primary activation point across the East Idaho EAS service area for weather emergencies. The NWS will serve as a third level entry point for local civil emergency messages for the East Idaho EAS service area and may validate the request using the call-back numbers from the list in Appendix B.   The NWS will also relay non-weather alerts received from the State Relay Network. WXL-33 is located on the East Twin Butte, west of Idaho Falls; KZZ-72 is located on Sedgwick Peak, southeast of Lava Hot Springs.

III.   AUTHORITY

Title 47 U.S.C 151, 154 (I) & (o), 303 (r), 524(G), & 606, and 47 C.F.R.
Part 11, FCC Rules & Regulations, Emergency Alert System

FCC Internet EAS Address:

> http://www.fcc.gov/eb/eas/

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

1-888-225-5322
FAX 202-418-0232

Nothing herein is intended to conflict with the current laws and directives of the FCC and participating members. If any terms of this plan are inconsistent with existing directives of any of the members participating in this plan, those portions of this plan determined to be inconsistent shall be invalid. The remaining terms and conditions not affected by the inconsistency shall remain in force. Upon approval from participating members, this plan shall be updated if portions become invalid.

IV. LOCAL PRIMARY EAS SOURCES

East Idaho <u>NORTHERN</u> Area Primary Entry Points

LP-1   KID-AM 590   kHz   KID-FM 96.1   MHz   Idaho Falls

LP-2   KUPI-AM 980   kHz   KUPI-FM 99.1   MHz   Idaho Falls

East Idaho <u>SOUTHERN</u> Area Primary Entry Points

LP-1   KID-AM 590   kHz   KID-FM 96.1   MHz   Idaho Falls

LP-2   KWIK-AM 1240 kHz   KPKY-FM 94.9 MHz   Pocatello

State of Idaho Primary Entry Points

PEP   KBOI-AM 670   kHz   Boise

Alternate National Sources:

KBYI – FM 100.5 MHz   Rexburg   (Source derived from NPR Satellite Network)
State Microwave Relay Network   (Source derived from KBOI Boise)

V. VALIDATION

Entry point operators may request call-back numbers, etc., in an effort to validate the legitimacy of requests for EAS activation. CAC, SEOC, ISP or NWS, operators handling a request for Civil Emergency Message activation may validate the requestor from the list in Appendix B.   The county 24-hour dispatch center (or city dispatch center where applicable) of the requesting agency will serve as the validation point.

VI. INITIATION & IMPLEMENTATION

A.   Procedures for Authorized "designated" Officials

1. Primary Level Activation Procedures

Authorized Officials will request activation of the EAS through the Central Activation Center (CAC) located at the State Communication Center (STATECOM) in Meridian Idaho at **(208) XXX-XXXX**. EAS Message Text may be **faxed to the CAC at (208) XXX-XXXX**.

If unable to contact CAC then,

2. **Secondary Level Activation Procedures**

EAS activation may be requested through the Idaho State Police (ISP) District 5 & 6 Dispatch Center in Pocatello at **(208) XXX-XXXX**. EAS Message Text may be **faxed to the ISP at (208) XXX-XXXX**.

If unable to contact CAC or ISP then,

3. **Third Level Activation Procedures**

EAS activation may be requested through the National Weather Service Pocatello Forecast Office at **(208) XXX-XXXX**. EAS Message Text may be **faxed to the NWS at (208) XXX-XXXX**

NOTE: The National Weather Service will encode and activate the EAS directly from their facility at the Pocatello Airport for severe weather watches and warnings.

4. "**Designated**" Authorized Officials use the following format when contacting the key EAS sources:

> *"This is (<u>name/Title</u>) of (<u>Organization</u>). I request that the Emergency Alert System be activated for the East Idaho Local Area because of (<u>Give description of emergency</u>). Please contact (County/City Name) 24-hour dispatch center for validation."*

5. Upon **notification**, designated authorized officials and EAS source personnel will determine transmission details (i.e., live or recorded, immediate or delayed and target zones for broadcasting the EAS message, whether text needs to be faxed). Officials should provide emergency program material including a description of the emergency actions being taken by local government, and instructions to the public. EAS message originators shall limit their messages to **two minutes**, the maximum recording time of EAS equipment.

6. Keep line of communication open if necessary.

7. For a unique emergency not involving the entire East Idaho EAS Local Area, authorities may request EAS activation through cable / wireless system(s) and broadcast stations(s) serving only the affected area.

B. **Procedure for NWS Personnel using NOAA Weather Radio**

In the event that the NOAA Weather Radio transmitter(s) are out of service, the Pocatello National Weather Service Authorized Official will use the same contact procedures listed in part of **A** of this section by contacting the CAC first. If unsuccessful, then they will try to contact the Pocatello ISP to request East Idaho EAS service area activation for weather emergencies.

VII.   EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM TESTS

Tests of these EAS procedures shall be conducted on a random or scheduled basis from a point, which originates a common emergency message. Required Monthly Tests (RMTs) will be conducted as provided in the State Plan. References to Local Area Tests in the State Plan's RMT schedule will be conducted by the East Idaho second level (ISP) entry point.

Additionally, the East Idaho EAS Local Area Plan authorizes tests of the EAS system in conjunction with scheduled disaster drills. The "designated" Authorized Official of the county or area conducting a disaster drill will contact the State Communications Center (STATECOM) CAC and request activation of these scheduled tests. **Such tests made in conjunction with local or county emergency drills or exercises are coordinated through the Bureau of Homeland Security, Operations Section - EAS Coordinator.**

VIII.   MONITORING AND BROADCAST ASSIGNMENTS

A.   Monitoring Assignments

All broadcast stations and participating cable / wireless media are responsible for monitoring at least two (2) primary EAS sources. Stations are encouraged to monitor the LP-1 station and at least one of the LP-2 stations. It is understood that due to unfavorable terrain, alternate sources may in some cases offer the most reliable signal for a particular station to monitor. The FCC Handbook also suggests using the State EAS Relay Network as another frequency to monitor.

East Idaho stations are encouraged to monitor NOAA Weather Radios WXL-33 and/or KZZ-72 from the Pocatello NWS Office as a source for weather related or back-up EAS activations.

It will be up to each Station to determine their most reliable source stations, and to ensure that their EAS participation is in compliance with FCC regulations. **It is also the responsibility of each station to register their monitoring assignments accordingly with the East Idaho EAS Local Area Emergency Communications Committee.** These changes may be done at anytime by contacting a LECC committee member or presenting them at the annual meeting. It is each stations responsibility to ensure that monitoring assignments listed in the East Idaho EAS Local Area Plan are correct so as to remain in compliance with FCC Rules. FCC Part 11.11 specifies the broadcast stations that are exempt from requiring an EAS encoder. They must still comply with other Part 11 requirements.

Cable / wireless system operators who meet the customer base and service area criteria as outlined in FCC Rules are required to carry EAS National alerts. As with broadcasters, cable / wireless system operators are not mandated to participate in State and local EAS programs, but are strongly encouraged to do so. Cable / wireless carriers choosing to participate in the State and Local EAS program must do so in compliance with this plan and the Idaho State EAS Plan.

B.   Re-Transmission Responsibility (PN)

All Participating National EAS (PN) broadcast stations and cable / wireless operators must retransmit alerts and messages from the National Command Authority.

C.   **Non-Participating National (NN) Stations**

Broadcast stations and cable / wireless operators not participating in the National EAS System (NN Stations) must, upon receipt of an alert from National Command Authority, broadcast an announcement and then sign off the air immediately, in accordance with FCC Rules. This does not preclude NN stations from participating in State or local activations.   If NN stations choose to participate in the State and local system, participation must be in accordance with the East Idaho EAS Local Area Plan and the State of Idaho EAS Plan.

IX.   APPENDICES

Appendix A: Approvals & Signatures
Appendix B: List of Validation Phone Numbers, and FIPS Codes
Appendix C: List of Broadcast Stations and Cable/Wireless Systems Monitoring Assignments

APPENDIX A

Approvals & Signatures

The East Idaho EAS Area Plan was developed and approved by the East Idaho EAS Local Emergency Communications Committee (LECC).

The plan is coordinated with and distributed to all "designated" City, County, State and Federal officials, and all broadcast stations and cable / wireless systems listed in Appendix C.

This plan is effective as of the date of the last signature below. This plan supersedes all previous plans, revisions, amendments and/or attachments for the East Idaho Area. Subsequent amendments or revisions can be made in writing to the LECC and upon approval shall be incorporated as attachments. This plan shall be reviewed annually by all members and changes made as determined.

_____   _____

Broadcast   Date
East Idaho EAS LECC Chair
Dave Turnmire

_____   _____

Cable / Wireless   Date
East Idaho EAS LECC Representative
Neil Ransbottom

_____   _____

National Weather Service-Pocatello   Date
East Idaho EAS LECC Representative
James Meyer, MIC

_____   _____

Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security   Date
East Idaho EAS LECC Representative
Ken Fagnant

APPENDIX B

List of Validation Phone Numbers & FIPS Codes

Validation: The CAC, ISP, and NWS are staffed 24 hours per day. Counties and other State or Federal Authorities have predetermined who may activate the EAS on their behalf. The CAC or alternate activation points may contact the Dispatch Center(s) to validate an EAS request before activating the EAS system.

COUNTY VALIDATION PHONE NUMBERS

BANNOCK	**FIPS 16005**
BANNOCK COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	XXX-XXXX

BEAR LAKE	**FIPS 16007**
BEAR LAKE COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	XXX-XXXX

BINGHAM	**FIPS 16011**
BINGHAM COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	XXX-XXXX

BONNEVILLE	**FIPS 16019**
BONNEVILLE COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	XXX-XXXX

BUTTE	**FIPS 16023**
BUTTE COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	XXX-XXXX

CARIBOU	**FIPS 16029**
CARIBOU COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	XXX-XXXX

CLARK	**FIPS 16033**
CLARK COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCHDISPAT	XXX-XXXX

CUSTER	**FIPS 16037**
CUSTER COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

FRANKLIN	**FIPS 16041**
FRANKLIN COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

FREMONT	**FIPS 16043**
FREMONT COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

JEFFERSON	**FIPS 16051**
JEFFERSON COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

LEMHI	**FIPS 16059**
LEMHI COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

MADISON	**FIPS 16065**
MADISON COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

ONEIDA	**FIPS 16071**
ONEIDA COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

POWER	**FIPS 16077**
POWER COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES	
SHOSHONE-BANNOCK 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

TETON	**FIPS 16081**
TETON COUNTY 24-HOUR DISPATCH	`XXX-XXXX`

STATE & FEDERAL VALIDATION PHONE NUMBERS

CENTRAL ACTIVATION CENTER (CAC)

DIRECTOR   *SHANA MUNROE*   XXX-XXXX

DISPATCH LEAD   XXX-XXXX

IDAHO STATE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (StateCom)   XXX-XXXX

IDAHO STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (SEOC)

BDS DUTY OFFICER   **ROTATING POSITION** XXX-XXXX

IDAHO STATE POLICE DISTRICT 5 & 6 DISPATCH CENTER

CAPTAIN   *STEPHEN JONES*   XXX-XXXX

DISPATCH SUPERVISOR   *GINA PETERSON*   XXX-XXXX

DISPATCH LEAD   XXX-XXXX

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE-POCATELLO (KPIH)

METEOROLOGIST-IN-CHARGE   *JAMES MEYER*   XXX-XXXX

WARNING COORDINATION METEOROLOGIST
                                                           VERNON PRESTON   XXX-XXXX

LEAD FORECASTER   XXX-XXXX

APPENDIX C

List of Broadcast Stations and Cable / Wireless Systems Monitoring Assignments

Station: **KID - AM 590 / FM 96.1**   (**LP-1**)

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KBYI - FM 100.5**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI - AM 980**
Monitoring Assignment 3: **State Relay Network**   **155.535 MHz East Butte**
Monitoring Assignment 4: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio WXL-33**   **162.550 MHz**

Station: **KUPI - AM 980 / FM 99.1**   (**LP-2 North Area**)

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KBYI - FM 100.5**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 3: **State Relay Network**   **155.535 MHz East Butte**
Monitoring Assignment 4: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio WXL-33**   **162.550 MHz**

Station: **KWIK - AM 1240**   (**LP-2 South Area**)
                  KPKY - FM 94.9
                  KLLP - FM 98.5

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KBYI - FM 100.5**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 3: **State Relay Network**   **155.925 MHz Pocatello**
Monitoring Assignment 4: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio WXL-33**   **162.550 MHz**

Station: **KBYI - FM 100.5**   **Alternate PEP**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID – FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI – FM 99.1**
Monitoring Assignment 3: **NPR Satellite**
Monitoring Assignment 4: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio WXL-33**   **162.550 MHz**

BLACKFOOT

Station: **KLCE - FM 97.3**
                  KCVI - FM 101.5
                  KFTZ - FM 103.3
                  KTHK - FM 105.5
                  KECN - AM 690
                  KICN - AM 1260
                  KBLI - AM 1620

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY - FM 94.9**
Monitoring Assignment 3: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio WXL-33**   **162.550 MHz**

FISH HAVEN

Cable System: **Comcast Cable**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KVNU – AM 610**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio WXL-63 162.500 MHz**

IDAHO FALLS

Station: **KEZQ - FM 92.9**
                  KWYS - AM 920 / FM 102.9

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI - FM 99.1**

Station: **KGTM - FM 98.1**
                  KBJX - FM 106.3

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI - AM 980**
Monitoring Assignment 3: **KUPI - FM 99.1**

Station: **KIDK - TV Channel 3**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI - FM 99.1**

Station: **KIFI-TV Channel 8**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI - FM 99.1**

Wireless System: **Teton Wireless**

Monitoring Assignment 1: KID – FM 96.1
Monitoring Assignment 2: KUPI – FM 99.1

Cable System: **Cable One (North Area)**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI - FM 99.1**

MONTPELIER

Station: **KVSI - AM 1450**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KSL - AM 1160**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KID - FM 99.1**

POCATELLO

Station: **KISU - FM 91.1**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 107.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY - FM 94.9**

Station: **KRTK - AM 1490**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KIWK - AM 1240**

Station: **KSEI - AM 930**
                  KRXK - AM 1230
                  KMGI - FM 102.5

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY - FM 94.9**

Station: **KZBQ - FM 93.7**
                  KORR - FM 104
                  KOUU - AM 1290

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY - FM 94.9**

Station: **KPVI - TV Channel 6**
                  KFXP - TV Channel 31

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY - FM 94.9**
Monitoring Assignment 3: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio WXL-33   162.550 MHz**

Station: **KISU - TV Channel 10**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KWIK - AM 1240**

Station: **KPIF – TV Channel 15**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY – FM 94.9**

Wireless System: **Teton Wireless**

Monitoring Assignment 1: KID – FM 96.1
Monitoring Assignment 2: KPKY – FM 94.9

Cable System: **Cable One (South Area)**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KWIK - AM 1240**

Station: **WXL-33 - 162.550 MHz , NOAA Weather Radio**
                  KZZ-72 - 162.425 MHz, NOAA Weather Radio

Monitoring Assignment 1: **State Relay Network   155.925 MHz Pocatello**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY - FM 94.9 or KWIK –AM 1240**
Monitoring Assignment 3:
Monitoring Assignment 4:

PRESTON

Station: **KACH - AM 1340**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KSL - AM 1160**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio KZZ-72   162.425 MHz**
Monitoring Assignment 3:

Cable System: **Comcast Cable**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KVNU – AM 610**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **NWS NOAA Weather Radio KZZ-72   162.425 MHz**

REXBURG

Station: **KADQ - FM 94.3**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KUPI - FM 99.1**

SALMON

Station: **KSRA - AM 960 / FM 92.7**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KBSU - FM 91.9** (Twin Falls Translator)

Cable System: **Cable One-Salmon**

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID – AM 590**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KBSU – FM 91.9** (Twin Falls Translator)

SODA SPRINGS

Station: **KFIF - FM 95.3 / 100.1**
                    KBRV – AM 790

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KPKY - FM 94.9**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KID - FM 96.1**

Cable System: **Independent Cable Systems of Idaho** (starting October 2004)

Monitoring Assignment 1: **KID - FM 96.1**
Monitoring Assignment 2: **KPKY - FM 94.9**